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The Town

Fire Department Steak Roast. The annual Steak Roast, held on the evening of July 31, was a great success again this year. Maynard Forbes reports that over 700 meals were served. For twenty-two years the Steak Roast has been something to look forward to as we support the vital and caring services of the Volunteer Fire Department in Monterey.

This year, while waiting for their swordfish or steak in the warm summer sun, the crowd enjoyed the melodious strains of the Lazy River Jazz Band featuring Arnie Hayes of Monterey as band leader and pianist; Allan Dean of Monterey on trumpet; Hugh (Skip) Lyng of Dalton on saxaphone and clarinet; Dr. Brian Burke of Great Barrington on drums; Fred Lillipop of Dalton on banjo and guitar; Maurice (Mo) Lavelle on bass; and the song stylings of Nancy Anne DiLego Keith of Tyringham. This year, the band played in the gazebo on the lawn instead of inside the pavilion, and the change of venue was much appreciated; the music of this all-local band was well received by the public as was the bounty of delicious food.

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Lazy River Jazz Band lights up the night at Fire Department Steak Roast

Tyringham Road Repair. Chief Gareth Backhaus reports that road work has begun on Tyringham Road and will continue for the foreseeable future. The Highway Department will be working on drainage improvement and blacktopping from Main Road to the Town Beach. The duration of and extent of the improvements depend on availability of state funds and, of course, the weather.

News from the Select Board:

The **Council on Aging** has a new Chairperson. The Select Board appointed Zed Pine as chair of the Council. The other members are June Thomas and Cynthia Weber. We offer congratulations and appreciation to those willing to serve the public in these offices.

After longtime **Conservation Commission** Chair Connie Ohman resigned recently, the Select Board appointed Chris Blair to take his place as chair. They offer appreciation to Mr. Ohman for his years of service to the Town on the commission and announce that David Logan will join the commission to fill the vacancy.

The **Sign Bylaws** recently drafted and approved by the Town were rejected by the State Office of the Attorney General. Citing several precedents, the Attorney General took issue with some of the language in the Bylaws as violating freedom of speech, particularly as they relate to signage of political and religious institutions. It will be necessary to revise and resubmit these Bylaws. The *Monterey News* will keep residents posted on the progress of that process.

Residents should be receiving **Town Surveys** this month. The Select Board wants to encourage all Monterey residents to take the time to fill out and return their surveys promptly. Information gathered will be used to make decisions about many municipal issues. Remember participation is each citizens responsibility!

The **Transfer Station** will be open Monday September 6, Labor Day, from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Greene Park Improvements. The Park Commission is fundraising for Greene Park basketball court improvements. The goal is to enlarge the paved court area and install two new backboards, one of which will be adjustable in height. As the cost of these improvements was not figured into the Parks Commission's current operating budget, the commission and local basketball enthusiasts began a fundraising campaign this summer.

Letters were sent to many Monterey residents and the response has been excellent. The Parks Commission wishes to thank all those who have contributed so far for their generosity:

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The Parks Commission apologizes to any residents who want to contribute but did not receive a letter. Anyone wishing to make a donation can send it to the Parks Commission, P. O. Box 412.

The upgrade will begin once the fundraising goal is reached. The above list is quite a testament to the willingness of Montereyans to make things happen in town.

— Amy Goldfarb

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And Just Who Are You?

Holiday A day on which custom or law dictates a halting of general business activity to commemorate or celebrate a particular event. A religious feast day; a holy day. A day free from work which one may spend at leisure; a day off. [Old English *haligdaeg: halig,* Holy + *daeg,* Day]
(American Heritage Dictionary)

With the arrival of the holiday, Labor Day, comes the assumption that summer has ended. Vacations are rapidly fading, only to surface on monthly credit card statements.

Vacation A period of time devoted to pleasure, rest, or relaxation. [Latin *vacatio,* freedom, release from occupation]
(ibid.)

Often the words are used interchangeably. But I think they have very different meanings because they are derived from different sources. Why all this spilt ink over words that are so common in our daily usage as to merit little or no attention? It has something to do with how we perceive our lives. We are told that time is money! And with that attitude instilled into our psyche (thanks, in no small part, to questionable, if not corrupt, religious teachings), life, along with all that is accomplished or produced (from lingerie to laser-guided bombs), is viewed as a commodity. I would like us to think of our life with a different view of time.

Abraham Joshua Heschel, in his book *Sabbath,* writes: "What we plead against is man's unconditional surrender to space, his enslavement to things [commodities, possibly?]. We must not forget that it is not a thing that lends significance to a moment; it is the moment that lends significance to things" (p. 6). It would be like asking someone, upon first meeting, "Who are you?" as opposed to "What do you do?" That ought to change the direction of happy hour chitchat! So much of our life is defined by material things. And what changes that definition faster than anything else is the coming of a crisis into our life that radically rearranges or foreshortens it.

Heschel continues: "The higher goal of [spiritual] living is not to amass a wealth of information [or possessions], but to face sacred moments.... [Spiritual] life begins to decay when we fail to sense the grandeur of what is eternal in time" (p. 6). I guess it is that distinction I would like to make when I refer to *holiday* and *vacation*. Because we spend so much time in the world of space, i.e., things, it is imperative that we allow for the renewal of our lives in time, holy time. The mystery of creation is what we need to be in harmony with, not the creation of things or possessions. As is often said, we can take nothing with us when we die. So why do we spend so much time trying to define our lives with our possessions? We bastardize the sacred (including ourselves and those around us) by selling our souls to things.

Abraham Heschel writes: The meaning of the Sabbath is to celebrate time rather than space. Six days a week we live under the tyranny of things of space; on the Sabbath we try to become attuned to *holiness in time.* It is a day on which we are called upon to share in what is eternal in time, to turn from the results of creation to the mystery of creation; from the world of creation to the creation of the world" (p. 10).

I began with definitions of *holiday* (holy day) and *vacation* (freedom from work). What was the summer for you? A renewing of the soul? Or an escape from work? And even more important, What is your daily life like? Are you living as a child of eternal (and sacred) time? Or are you living enslaved to things? The Sabbath (Saturday or Sunday) is a weekly reminder of the sacred in our daily lives. We do not need to go on vacation to discover that truth and experience. All time is holy. And the weekly Sabbath is a reminder, just in case we might forget!

— Keith Snow

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Swimming lesson in Lake Garfield

Lake Garfield Association
Milfoil Weevils at Work

On July 23, aquatic scientists from the BSC Group in Worcester arrived with a shipment of 3,000 milfoil weevils (*E. lecontei*), a native Massachusetts insect that lives and thrives only on the milfoil. The scientists drove around the lake, assessing the status of our Eurasian milfoil infestation and planning where best to place our 1999 milfoil weevils. As they looked at various coves, they saw evidence of weevil daamage in many of the areas where milfoil grows. They were looking for an area where a large stand of Eurasian milfoil was growing luxuriantly without evidence of weevil control, so our weevils could do the most good for us. Such a stand was found in the cove on the south shore where Bullhead Rock is located, and the 1999 shipment was implanted there.

In other coves around the lake, in the east end, in Peppermint Brook, and in the small lake, the milfoil showed weevil damage, letting us know that our native and implanted weevil population is working to control it.

Lake Garfield Association Eco Tip for September

Phosphates feed weeds. Wash dishes by hand or load the dishwasher fully.

During the weevil placement process, the two scientists spent six hours driving around Lake Garfield. One of their comments was that there were "lots of plants in the lake, but a varied mix of aquatic plant species." This means no one species of plant is dominant in the areas they viewed. It means that our drawdown policy has not affected the mix of plant life at Lake Garfield. The scientists also saw lots of healthy fish, of good size.

Another piece of information is that the mats of floating weeds, documented in our last survey in 1989–1990 to be only milfoil, are now mainly Ranunculus, which is not an exotic plant. The aquatic scientists' made the following recommendations based on their day on the lake:

1. Do a survey of types of plant growth, similar to the survey done in 1989, and wait for the results before planning any other interventions. A survey would assess the types and amounts of weeds we have and what best to do about them; it would also give us an approximate weevil count and give some indication of how many more we might need.

2. Limit nutrients entering the lake. We have an abundance of plants in the lake because we have an abundance of nutrients in the lake. In many ways we have been actually fertilizing Lake Garfield, contributing to the growth not only of weeds, but also of algae. One occurrence of filamentous green algae was seen in the east end of

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the lake the week after Memorial Day, and on August 7 green algae was reported on the north side off two docks in the Elephant Rock Road area. The combination this year of warm water and nutrients provides a growth environment for many groups of algae.

The Lake Garfield Association has a policy of using scientific reports, evidence, and scientists to advise us about how to manage the lake and to indicate methods to maintain its health and beauty. Of course, professional advice does not come free, and we need your dollars to help with these costs. We pledge to spend those dollars wisely and in ways that do not compromise the lake's ecology.

In addition to what we do as a group, as individuals we are all responsible for some part of the lake, whether we live on the shore or up on the hills around the lake, or simply drive our cars along the roads within the watershed. What can you do personally to curb the growth in the lake? Lots! If you are on the lakeshore, rake up the weeds that float to your dock area and pull up rooted weeds when drawdown comes. The Lake Garfield Association expects to recommend to the Conservation Commission a drawdown beginning October 1. Plan for dock repairs and lakeshore cleanups then. Another thing to do is to prevent seepage from septic tanks wherever in the watershed you may live.

There are many small ways in which all can help the lake. We plan to give monthly information on ways each of us can help. Look for "Eco Tips" in the *Monterey News* each month, starting with this issue.

Our goal is to enter the millennium with a healthy, beautiful lake, alive with a well-balanced mix of people, fish and other creatures, and plants.

— Patricia Edelstein

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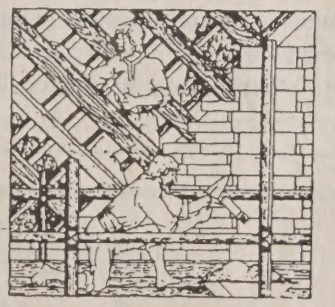
Firemen Maynard Forbes, Keith Ives, and Mark Makuc take the Fire Department's new rescue craft for a test ride.

New Rescue Craft for Fire Department

The Monterey Fire Department has recently acquired a new all-terrain rescue boat, the purchase of which was approved at the annual Town Meeting.

The 16-foot, 650-pound fan boat can maneuver on land, water, or ice, giving rescuers better access in emergency situations. It is ready for immediate use, but the department plans an extensive training course to give personnel technical experience in operating the craft. The light weight of the boat means that it can be carried by four firemen. It will probably be primarily operated with two divers and a driver. The craft will make rescues much more efficient and safer for the rescuers.

Some additional accessories will be required, but instead of asking the Town to fund these, the department will raise the money by holding a Firemen's Ball on October 9 at the Firehouse. For more information about the Ball, call 528-2982.



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The Bidwell House

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On Saturday, September 4, at 1:00 p.m., The Bidwell House will host the third annual Heirloom Tomato Tasting. Here is your chance to sample some of those antique tomatoes that people are talking about. The Tasting provides you with an opportunity to compare them to many other old varieties. The Heirloom Tomato Tasting also offers a tour of Heirloom Vegetable garden where you can see several of these old varieties cultivated with techniques of the period and learn about the history of these fabulous plants.

The Annual Royal Hemlock Road Hike is scheduled for Saturday, October 2, from 12:00 noon to 4:00 p.m. The hike will be lead by naturalist Bob Rausch and begins at The Bidwell House. Participants will travel down the road built in 1745 which connected the settlement of Hop Brook with the center of Township # 1 at the Bidwell parsonage. Hikers will break for lunch at the Shaker Pond in Tyringham and return home (uphill). This is a great opportunity to learn the area's cultural and natural history and enjoy the foliage as well. Participants should bring a snack or lunch and wear clothing and footwear appropriate for hiking. The hike takes 3½ to 4 hours.

Both the Tomato Tasting and the Royal Hemlock Road Hike are free. For more information on these programs please call 528-6888.

— Anita Carroll-Weldon

Family Network/ Children's Health Program

A School Based Health Center will open this fall at the Mt. Everett Undermountain campus in Sheffield. By the beginning of the school year this fall, the Children's Health Program, Inc., will be opening a community health center at the district's Sheffield campus. The Center for Pediatric and Adolescent Health Care will open a satellite of its clinic in Great Barrington in what is currently a locker room just off the elementary school's cafeteria. Renovations began this summer, and, barring any construction delays, the center will be open for business at the start of the school year.

Students who currently receive their health care from the clinic at Fairview Hospital will have the option of being seen at the school. Other students may be seen with referral from their primary health care provider. Parents interested in enrolling their children may contact the clinic at 528-8580 for more information.

The Center for Pediatric and Adolescent Health Care is also looking to expand its services to adults. As soon as staff is hired, adult care will begin at both health centers. Adults, young and older, who do not have health insurance and are interested should call 528-8580 about this health program.

Parent to Parent Volunteer Training will begin October 7 at 6:30 p.m. at the Family Center in Great Barrington. The training will be held for five consecutive Thursday evenings, October 14, 21, 28, and November 4. When trained, volunteers are matched with area families in which there is a pregnancy or a child under three years of age. Volunteers can give emotional support, information about services and child development, and help transport families to important appointments. Please call the Family Center for more information.

On September 18, there will be a father-child activity, a trip to Gould Farm, Monterey, at 10:30 a.m. Meet at the red barns. Visit farm animals, hear a story, and have a snack.

The Family Network of Children's Health Program, Inc., has many programs and activities planned for families in which there is a pregnancy or children aged three years and younger. Please call the Great Barrington Family Center, 528-0721, for more information.

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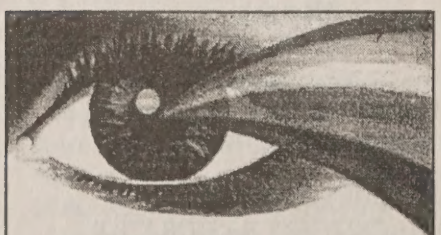

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"For 160 years, people from the community and beyond have worshipped, been married, and gathered at the New Marlborough Meeting House," said Harold Lewin, director of Music & More. The acoustics of the Meeting House are excellent for making and listening to music. This building stands out for its simplicity of design and quality of light. We are bringing world-class performers to the Berkshires, and audiences will find every event highly entertaining. Concert-goers can mingle with the performers at a reception following each event. The intimate setting enhances the entire experience for the artists and the audience."

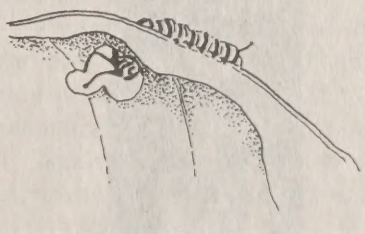
The following events are scheduled for September and October.

Peter and the Wolf, September 4, 4:30 p.m. (admission $15). Emmy-Award-winning actor Larry Bryggman will narrate as the Springfield Symphony Wind Quintet presents a unique arrangement of Prokofiev's *Peter and the Wolf.* The program will also feature music by Gershwin, *Musica Laggeria* by Rudolf Maros, and a performance of Poulenc's *Sextet for the Winds and Piano* in celebration of the composer's centennial. Mr Bryggman, perhaps best-known for his role as John Dixon in *As the World Turns,* has appeared in several movies, including *Die Hard 3, And Justice for All,* and *Hanky Panky.*

Music, Words and Wine, September 18, 4:30 p.m. (admission $35). Music, words, and wine will be combined in a delightful and witty program. Actress Kate Maguire, producing director of the Berkshire Theatre Festival in Stockbridge, will narrate Eric Satie's highly amusing *Sports and Diversions.* Drawings by Charles Martin, a noted illustrator of the 1920s, will be projected on the Meeting House walls. The program also includes *The Four Seasons of Futurist Cuisine,* a wry musical takeoff on food by 1998 Pulitzer Prize winner Aaron Jay Kernis. Instrumental and vocal works by Debussy, Saint-Saëns, and others will be performed by acclaimed soprano Jane Bryden, flutist William Witting, and the Arioso Trio. Immediately following the concert, humorist and wine master Joshua Wesson will host a *wine-and-food tasting* and a *wine auction.* Named "Wine Innovator of the Year" by *Food & Wine* magazine, Mr. Wesson has appeared on CNN, *The Today Show,* and *Good Morning America.* Food will be provided by the nearby Old Inn on the Green.

Award Winning Authors, October 2, 4:30 p.m. (admission $15). The Music & More series concludes with a *panel of writers* reading from and discussing their own works. Participating writers include 1998 National Book Critics Circle Award winner Sylvia Nasar, and novelists Scott Spencer and Francine Prose. The event will be hosted by Michael Levitas, director of book development for the *New York Times* and former editor of the *New York Times Book Review.*

All tickets include admission to an adjacent exhibit of New Marlborough artists. For ticket reservations and further information, call (413) 229-3162.



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Senator Says

Budget Update. The legislature has passed a capital supplemental budget which will pay for local road and construction projects. While the Governor vetoed a number of local appropriations, this senate district will benefit from projects at Berkshire Community College and the Berkshire House of Corrections, and from downtown revitalization funding. The capital supplemental budget will also support the Berkshire Connect project, which is working to upgrade our telecommunications infrastructure from Clarksburg to Sheffield. We will also receive over $5 million for road and bridge projects, most of which are located in small towns.

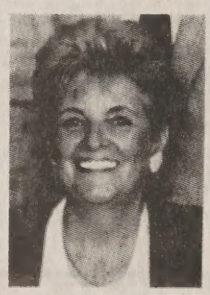
Driven to Distraction. Better customer service at the Registry of Motor Vehicles (RMV) would be welcome news for drivers in Massachusetts. The joint legislative Committee on Public Safety is taking testimony at hearings around the Commonwealth regarding the Registry's performance. Western Massachusetts residents frequently complain of long lines at the RMV, computers that crash, hours of operation that don't reflect modern life, confusing advice, and phone calls that go without answer. Most of the problems at the agency are well documented, and the time for remedies is overdue. What suggestions would you make for improved RMV service in western Massachusetts? The Public Safety Committee has filed legislation proposing new computers, more staff, and longer hours. The Committee has also suggested having mobile offices drive around to remote parts of the state to help out those who don't live near one of the RMV's more than fifty customer service centers. If you have further suggestions, write them down and send them to me. I will forward your comments to the Committee Chairmen.

Champion Trees, Take a Bough. The Department of Environmental Management (DEM) keeps a list of Champion Trees—the largest of each species in the Commonwealth. Many of the current record-holders are found in eastern parts of the state. Perhaps we take for granted the large trees of western Massachusetts and don't bother to submit potential champions for the record book. If anyone has a tree they consider large and unique, they can contact Ken Gooch at the DEM office in Pittsfield (413) 442-8928. DEM will send information to let you know the measurements of the current champion of that species, and come out and take a look if the tree shows promise.

DEM carefully protects information about the specific location of Champion Trees growing on private property. One of the few current Champions located on public land in western Mass is found at Pitt Park on Columbus Avenue in Pittsfield. When this eastern cottonwood was last measured, its foliage spread was 97 feet, the trunk circumference was 249 inches and its height was 87 feet, yielding an overall score of 360 points. DEM records show several Champion Trees in western Massachusetts towns, including a black walnut in Egremont, a bigtooth aspen in Monroe, an American chestnut in Chester and a balsam poplar in South Egremont. All of these four Champions are located on private property.

Goose Season. The Division of Fisheries and Wildlife is expecting to announce a "Resident Goose Season" again this fall. Due to the soaring population growth of some goose species, problems at local parks and swimming areas have proliferated. In consultation with federal migratory bird authorities, the state agency expects to announce that a focused hunting season will open after Labor Day. Regular licensing and stamp requirements will apply. For more information, interested parties may contact the Fisheries and Wildlife Western District Office in Pittsfield (413) 447-9789.

— Senator Andrea F. Nuciforo, Jr.



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Rep Rap

As the days of summer wane in the Berkshires, the Legislature remains behind schedule in passing the Fiscal Year 2000 state budget. This is the latest budget since 1975, even though our coffers are overflowing and the only crisis looming is this interminable delay. The standoff between leadership in both chambers is shameful and I am distressed that the conferees have not been able to resolve their differences between the two budgets since the committee convened in June. Let's not forget to mention that the Governor decided to take a vacation to Florida as we remain stalled at this impasse. Must be nice.

The budget was due July 1 and in recent years has been delayed by a couple of weeks, but nothing of this magnitude has occurred in almost twenty-five years. The Legislature has passed interim budgets to keep the government afloat, but the deadlock has left a number of state agencies and organizations without the necessary financial resources to serve the people.

The list of those left in limbo by this wrangling is numerous. There are teachers awaiting the potential passage of an early retirement bill that would enable older, experienced teachers to retire and allow new teachers to enter the profession. School districts do not know exactly how much state aid they will receive, thus causing unnecessary layoffs and alterations to their plans. Cities and towns only know of the minimum state aid they will receive, which delays municipal equipment purchases, projects, and determining property tax rates. In addition, thousands of senior citizens are awaiting prescription drug benefits from the state. Elders have had their drug benefits reduced by HMOs last year and cannot get coverage until the new budget is passed.

I thought by this time we had all learned a lesson from the federal government shutdown of 1995. Rancor and playing games with citizens' taxes and lives is no way to run a state, particularly in these economic boom times. Taxpayers are required to pay their bills on time or they are penalized, yet a couple of legislators can delay a $20 billion annual spending budget for weeks at a time. A business would not survive with these types of procedures. The Legislature needs to hold itself to higher standards of operation when it comes to matters of this enormity. The state budget is the one document that we produce every year that effects every citizen's life in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in many different ways. It should be delivered in the most timely manner possible.

As always, please feel free to contact my full-time district office regarding this or any other matter at 243-0289.

— Rep. Christopher J. Hodgkins

Sandisfield Arts Center Series Seeks Submissions

The Sandisfield Arts & Restoration Committee is planning its summer performing arts series for the year 2000 and is seeking submissions from regional artists, musicians, choral groups, comedians, and other performers. The Programming Committee is seeking affordable, quality cultural and educational programs for the people of Sandisfield and the surrounding communities.

During the months of June through September, events take place in the historic 1839 Arts Center building located on Route 57 and Hammertown Road in Sandisfield. Originally a Baptist Meeting House, then a Synagogue for much of the 1900s, the building is now used as an arts center and is slated for historic restoration in the next five years. During the past four years, SARC has presented numerous programs including: Vikki True & The Sweet Sisters of Mercy, Hilda Banks Shapiro, The New York Consort of Viols, The Berkshire Lyric Theatre, and the trio of Bill Crofut, Chris Brubeck, and Joel Brown.

Those who are interested should send program proposals and supporting materials by September 25 to Programming Committee, SARC, P.O. Box 31, Sandisfield, MA 01255. For more information, contact Liana Toscanini at (413) 258-4904.

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evening news

evening is
a violet mountain
wearing its cap
of clouds
beyond
the tiled roof tops
cantinas
and bells
potatoes dug
red currants picked
the steps of stones
all cleaned
sheets and flowers
hang
from the balcony
of a painting
never finished

the wars
the crashing planes
all
seem so far
away

— R. Zukowski
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Praying to Madonna

torture me to drive
at night with one eye
wandering italian headlights
taillights too in red abstracts
rigid at the narrow wheel
but oh la luna mezzo
hanging high and haloed
silhouetted darkest blue
walls of valsugana
peaks of dolomiti
dream me back to lunch
with Bobo singing stirring
pumpkin and risotto
sardines and fragolino
octopus in the salad
let's talk of light and love
of how torrenti sing
upon the stones they smooth
two thousand years upright
and still we kill for gods
madonna sweet madonna
paint us red boats in Venice
lounging with the zinnias
cradled blue with mountains
wind blown grasses bending

— R. Zukowski
7/99 italia

By the Waterfall in Glen Brittle
Isle of Skye

Ferns frond-splintered drops
those purling opals of cascade

cave air was humming its blue
behind the waterveils
the splashes made

while old gnomes
slid slyly with mossy faces
and bubble-lips
in-out the wet-slipped shade

I sat and woman-dreamed
the green of summer rain
and saw you cup your hands
for joys the centuries had delayed

the trees leaned over
and spoke in leaves
of what my heart betrayed
and in the deep cool air I swear
our shimmering whispers stayed.

— A. O. Howell

We have come now
To a pause

A dry silence
As the seed
Prepares to fall
From the husk

The stillness
Of an end
That comes before
The next beginning

A hard maturity
That is whole

A ripened past
That preserves within,
Succulent certainty.

The soft kernel
Of resurrection

— Nick Hardcastle

What I Do

I look too often
to make sure
I'm still here.

— Peter Shepley

Little Prayers of Remote Peoples

Oh gods,
take a day off.

— Peter Shepley

California Charms

Otter, headed up Orchard Creek

I am standing on a high, dry Pacific bluff with my brother. We have packs on and we are looking down to a dark beach 500 feet below us where Little Jackass Creek flows into the sea on California's Lost Coast. Only California can make up dreams like this, I am thinking. Way down there on the little beach a tiny man like a sandpiper is dancing with the waves, advancing, receding. He is fishing, we think, though it's hard to tell from here. A woman runs along the beach with her hair flying and her bare feet splashing, a dog racing out in front of her. I hesitate to go down there, to this couple's Eden, and then I remember: this land is their land, this land is my land. As long as I am not stumbling upon their marijuana plantations up in the hills, these people will be glad to see me: this is California.

My first trip to California, more than forty years ago, stays with me like old snapshots. In fact, I sometimes wonder if my actual memories have been replaced by snapshots my mother took, which I have revisited over the years. Bougainvillea in Santa Barbara; a motel near Los Angeles; Mr. Toad's Wild Ride at Disneyland, 1957. We drove down the coast from Oregon in our VW microbus, camping in places where the blackberries were so big my mother decided they must be boysenberries, which we had seen on jam labels. My father went for one of his long early morning walks and twisted his ankle. He was a long time coming back to the campsite, up and down those steep coastal ridges, and told us years later he hadn't been sure he would make it. I remember thinking, when the story came out, that he could have lived for a long time on the boysenberries, probably until his ankle healed.

In mid-June forty-two years later, my brother and I were climbing up and down the Pacific Coast, being careful of our ankles. The views are so spectacular, the wildflowers so tall and unrestrained, the maidenhair ferns so prolific, that it is easy to forget to watch where you put your feet. I was moving slowly along the trail, grooving totally on redwoods, distant ocean, and the exquisite sardines plus bagel I had just had for lunch, when I took a token look down at the trail in front of me.

Surprise! Fear, even. A little slate-colored snake was all coiled up waggling something scary at me—namely her tail. Her whole underside was a bright orange-red, and where her tail tip waggled it was turned over to expose the flashing underside. Big and unperturbable as I normally am, I confess to a primitive receptor site (lifesaving at times, I am sure) which set my pulse racing, probably in time to that of the little snake, taking her stand.

But I was slow to run screaming into the brush. I stood admiring and called my brother over. That was enough for Ms. Snake, who switched quickly to plan B of her own lifesaving primitive responses. She herself ran screaming into the bushes, though we couldn't hear her with our gross human ears, and we continued north on the trail.

Although instinctive lifesaving plans may be similar from one place to another, there is much about California that is different from what we see back home. For example, the seashore. Here we have a seashore which is convoluted and fascinating, sometimes rocky, sometimes sandy. You can walk along it, but you have to go in and out the bays, the nooks and crannies. In geography class we used to learn that some coastlines which might appear to be, say, 500 miles long, could actually be 5,000 miles once you had gone around all the complications of bay and inlet. In California, the convolutions occur on the vertical plane, intead of the hori-

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zontal one. You can walk along the shore, but you have to go up and down, up and down, sometimes a thousand feet. Steep parallel ridges run to the sea, ending in high bluffs. In between are little rivers like Flat Rock Creek, Usal Creek, Anderson Creek. Where they enter the sea they form small beaches between the ridges, deltas of dark sand. We looked down on one of these at Little Jackass Creek.

We did go down to Little Jackass. The woman and dog had left the beach by then and were headed inland toward their campsite near the base of the Sally Bell Grove of coastal redwoods. We exchanged greetings, dog admirations, and said we were headed for the beach. "Crazy!" she said, with a California smile, and left us.

Our own campsite was north of this place. We had backpacked in and set up in the School Marm Grove, leaving our truck five miles north at the Bear Harbor camp. This is the place where I observed another California wonder: water flowing down Orchard Creek, and up Orchard Creek at the same time.

Water travelling downstream is miraculous enough, but I saw it silvery and liquid, heading back up in the fur of a gliding river otter. It was suppertime. The sun was setting over the ocean (more California magic, unlike what we get at home), and an otter was making his evening meal on small brook creatures. He worked his way up, his head under the very shallow water and his smooth back humped up. He snuffled as he went and from time to time raised his head to shake water from his ears and whiskers. Where the brook made a small pool he would disappear altogether and then pop up chomping toothily on some hapless fish or crawdad. Unconscious of my peeping, the otter snuffles and munches his way on up the steep little creek, tumbling up the little waterfalls, carrying Orchard Creek waters with him in his thick fur, which is streaming and shining. I am there with my brother, back in time, magicking my own way upstream to boysenberries while the creek runs down to that crazy California sea.

— Bonner J. McAllester

About Astrology
The Virgo Library

Critics say Virgo's born with an inner Dewey Decimal System already in place. And Virgo might even agree; she's usually her own worst critic. But it wasn't only as a fact-seeker that she began her search for order with her birthdate tucked neatly between August 21 and September 20.

When Virgo asks her eternal "Why?" she's only seeking a way to organize the world of experience. She often finds her sense of herself a bit removed from the daily hubub of social activity. It is as if she already senses that her self is most complete when put to the service of Something-Larger-Than-Herself. But it seems so large she sometimes feels quite tiny and shy.

That scent of "something larger than me" first tickled her nostrils as she lay in her crib. It may have prompted her to line up her stuffed animals, organized by color, in rows on her pillows, or her books, by size, color, and contents, on her bookshelves. With that task complete, she could feel secure, surrounded by an orderly collection of the tools of love, intellect, and beauty.

Beauty must have, for her, a practical purpose, and love a practical expression. Mercury rules her quick mind and hands, as well as her pleasant speaking voice, and the clear, steady gaze of her eyes. She, who loves language as well as handcrafts, delights in little details, such as that the word "spinster" refers to one who uses her hands to create thread and yarn, as well as one who remains single.

And many Virgo women and men do remain single. Happily, though, life will bring Virgo enough experience to learn to trust the God within who hovered over her cradle, humming a lullaby whose fragrance she remembers but whose words she couldn't hear. She'll come to understand that the words of the song are simple: "Say I-Am sent you."

Then she'll move from the hush of the library into the world. She'll sing in her clear, beautiful voice; sing above a whisper, willing to be heard.

— MaryKate Jordan

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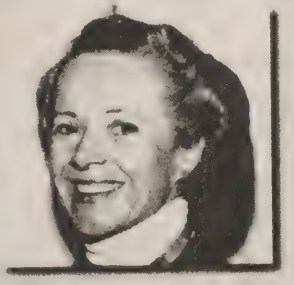

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Golf in Monterey
1929–1941

Golf in Monterey may not have been steeped in the tradition of the "auld course" of St. Andrews, Scotland, nor could it boast a classic tournament like The Masters at Augusta National, but the royal and ancient game found a very bucolic home on a cleared hillside here in the summer of 1929 when the Lake Garfield Club built a nine-hole course.

According to Dean Amidon, and he has a rough sketch of the original course blueprint to prove it, the clubhouse, which eventually burned down, stood at the top of the hill on the north side of Route 23 about a hundred yards west of the Firehouse, on the present foundation of Don and Pat Amstead's house.

From the clubhouse, the fairways of the first two holes ran northeast down behind the Firehouse pavilion (this was all open land in those days and was used as a toboggan slide in winter), and then the third green lay back toward Route 23, almost exactly where Leroy and Linda Thorpe now live. The fourth fairway looked down upon what was later to be Greene Park, where the construction of the town ball field would keep alive the tradition of recreational sport after the golf course fell into disuse and became completely overgrown.

From there, if golfers could find themselves on the sixth tee with some sense of self-respect, they were faced with the prospect of having to lay up their shots to be safe, or hitting their drives over the Konkapot River. Fortunately for the faint of heart, the river happened to be very narrow there, just a "wee burn." But then on the seventh tee, the course reversed direction and went back over the water again, both holes serviced by a single bridge whose abutments still stand, although the wooden span itself is long gone.

Once back on higher ground, golfers had to climb back up the side of the hill toward the eighth and ninth greens, returning to the starting point for the second nine holes, a repeat of the first nine. A small caddie shack, which originally had stood next to the General Store in the center of town, had been moved there for the convenient sale of Moxie soda, Baby Ruth candy bars, and wintergreen gum, all for just nickels and dimes. One of the storekeepers for many years was Amy Enoe, and one of the course superintendents was Bud Moulton.

Almost immediately after the course was completed, the entire community felt the shock waves of the crash on Wall Street. It may be that this happened just long enough after many of the famous fancier turn-of-the-century metropolitan golf courses, such as Tuxedo Park, Shinnecock Hills on Long Island, and St. Andrews in Yonkers, had been fully financed, for they—along with the sleepy links of Monterey—all survived, even though golfers who also played the market may have had trouble paying their club dues. But later the Monterey course would not weather the gathering storm of World War II.

Although golf originated along the blustery North Sea coast of Scotland where hardy pioneers of the game decked themselves out in tweed caps, bulky sweaters, baggy plus-fours (so called because they were made four inches longer than ordinary knickers), and long woolen stockings, not to mention stiff shirt collars and black ties for tournaments, that would gradually change as golf became popular on this side of the Atlantic, where it became primarily a fair-weather game. This was particularly true in Monterey; golf was primarily a summer activity, with informal wear and tee times, and the front and back nines were often interrupted by a swim in Lake Garfield, lunch, and an afternoon nap. Club memberships also reflected this tendency; for instance, Wallace Tryon, Ray's father, was the only year-round resident who was also a member.

In the words of Cynthia Weber, president of the Monterey Historical Society, after very kindly looking high and low

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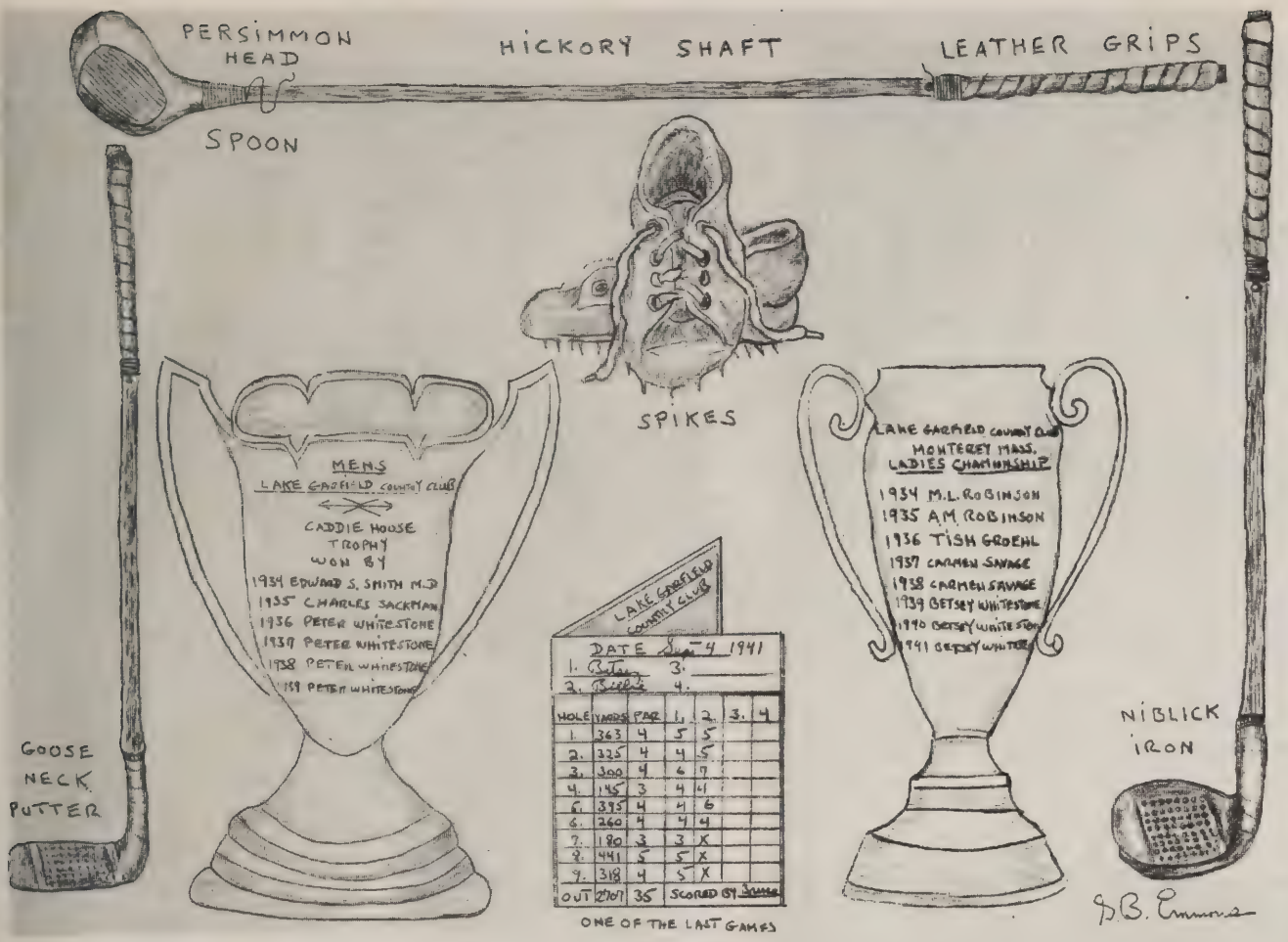

ONE OF THE LAST GAMES

through town archives for information to support this article, "There is precious little in the files about an interesting period of our history, and we would like to know much more." There were dances in the clubhouse on Saturday nights, obviously special events scheduled so as not to conflict with the square dances in what is now the town hall. This quality of summer life for young and old was to come to an end with the hardships of World War II, as the patriotism of the Lake Garfield Club precluded spending resources on what was perceived as a frivolous pastime when our men and women were in danger overseas.

According to Peter Whitestone, four times men's club champion, and Betsey Whitestone Camp, three times women's champion, their maternal grandfather, Dr. Taggart, a prominent member of the club, argued that just the greens could be maintained with a minimum expense, so that the course could be revived after the war. All to no avail. The course never reopened.

Not everyone appreciates golf, not even everyone who plays it. Those who play it badly often lose their tempers and throw clubs in random directions or curse their luck while upsetting the balance of nature by looking for errant balls in the woods or terrorizing frogs by dipping long ball retrievers in the water; whitetail deer have been known to come out of the forest and stand in the middle of fairways, perhaps knowing that is the safest place to be. When Mark Twain was asked for his personal evaluation of golf, he described it as "a good walk spoiled." There may have been a twinkle in his eye, or it may have been an activated tear duct.

Would that we could still play golf here, and at the nineteenth hole maybe debate the implications of Mark Twain's summary while our real scores were still fresh in our minds, although soon enough to be a fading memory—much like the history of the royal and ancient game in Monterey.

— George Emmons

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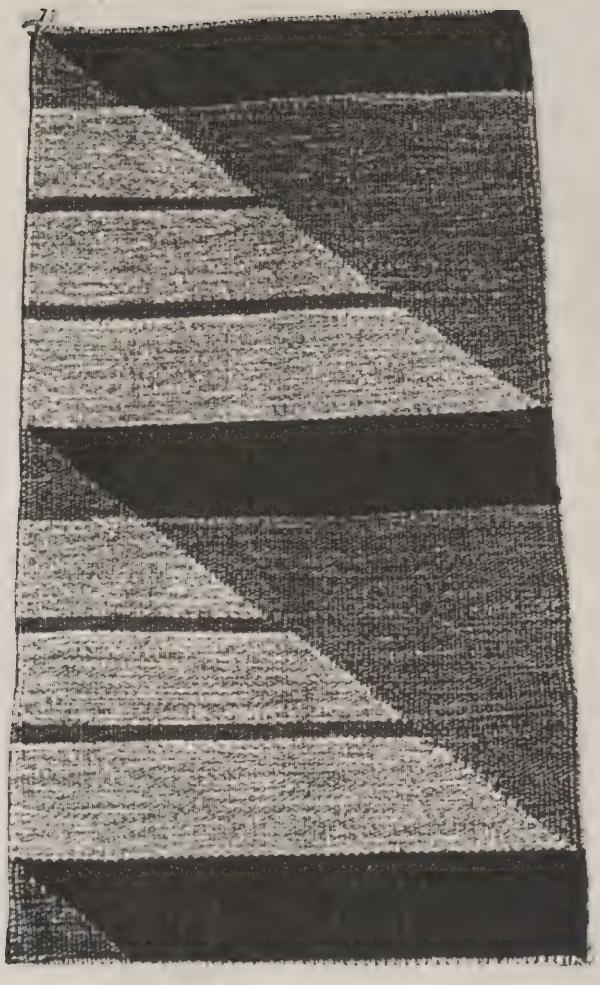

Have Needle; Will (Time) Travel

Fiber Arts at Gould Farm: Maria, The Warping Mill, and The Weaving Studio

Before she packed to return to Sweden last month, Maria Rosenberg took time to talk about weaving, the art she loves and taught during her tenure as a volunteer at Gould Farm. We met in the weaving studio behind the Main House, where Maria, like others before her, offered weaving instruction regularly.

The little building shimmers with creative energy, and, at midday, the windows let in lots of light. Its walls are covered with woven, as well as stitched, samplers. The floor space is just big enough to hold three floor looms, assorted weaving supplies, and a warping mill, used to wind the warp thread in preparation for using the loom.

Maria found this vertical warping mill for the Farm on a trip to Sweden. Most warping mills are set up to work horizontally, she said, but a vertical one is safer and more efficient because it's so much easier on the weaver's back. Her face glowed as she remembered the generosity of the people who sold her the tool. When Maria told them about the Farm and then how much money she had available, they first figured the non-negotiable costs, such as the shipping fees to the States. As their portion, they took only the amount left over from what she had to spend.

That kind of generosity is apparent throughout the studio. "Everything here is donated," Maria said. "Just last March a woman from the Boston area who had seen the *Visionaries* video about the Farm donated a new floor loom."

Maria has the skill to weave both precise geometric patterns (such as "Sea and Sky," above left) and an organic landscape ("West Coast of Sweden," above right). She especially enjoys the interplay of color and texure she finds when weaving rag rugs and placemats.

By the time this article is printed, Maria will be back in her native land. However, the discipline, beauty, and self-worth traditionally fostered in the weaving studio will continue, under the combined guidance of Paula Snyder and Joanne Dwyer.

— MaryKate Jordan

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Thanks to Trail Volunteers

To the Editor:

Many thanks to the volunteers who turned out week after week in August to work on the Brewer Pond Nature Trail. I am especially grateful to the Gould Farm crew who came with shovels and wire cutters and dug out old fallen-down snow fencing along the Tyringham Rd. bank and helped carry lumber for a plank walk over the seepy place. We have stepping stones installed at our other brook crossings now and new number posts at nearly all of the 24 "interpretive trail" stop-and-read-the-brochure places. The next step is to get the brochure printed and available at the trailhead by the New Dam. This is something I have to do by myself, so we have called off the weekly work days for the time being. Thanks again for all the help!

— Bonner McAllester

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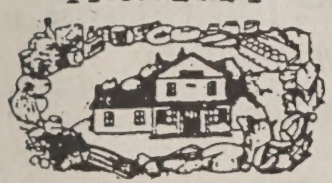

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Happy Birthday on September 2 to **Dinah Mielke**, on September 3 to **Gabriele Haapanen**, on September 4 to **Micole Raab** and **Katie Vallianos**, on September 5 to **Evelyn Vallianos**, on September 10 to **Talia Lynn Freundlich**, on September 11 to **Christopher Monk**, on September 12 to **Parker Gauthier** and **MaryKate Jordan**, on September 13 to **Jeff Gauthier**, on September 23 to **Christina Vallianos**, on September 24 to **Ellen Coburn**, on September 26 to **Stephanie Grotz**, on September 27 to **Marcus Sheridan**, on September 28 to **Rodney Palmer** and **Ray Tryon**, and on September 29 to **Scott Sheridan** and **Susan Sheridan**.

Happy Anniversary on September 3 to **Laury** and **Jerry Epstein**, on September 7 to **Ann** and **John Higgins**, on September 11 to **Mark** and **Mary Makuc**, on September 17 to **Bob** and **Barbara Gauthier**, and on September 27 to **Gerhild** and **Zachary Dickey**.

In May, **Katie Vallianos** and **Hannah Bracken** were inducted into the Mount Everett Regional High School chapter of the National Honor Society. Congratulations to both of them, especially as they received this honor during their sophomore year, their first year of eligibility for the National Honor Society key.

John and **Dottie Leonard** write that they are so pleased about all the support that **Maggie** and **John (Humphrey)** are getting as they settle back into Monterey. After all they have gone through, and continue to go through, we are all certainly grateful to have Maggie and John back with us.

We enjoy hearing your news, and passing on birthday and anniversary greetings. If you have any you would like to share, please drop me a line at P.O. Box 351, Monterey, MA 01245. Thank you so much.

— Ann Higgins

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Monday, September 6, Town Offices will be closed in observance of Labor Day. The Transfer Station will be open from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Wednesday, September 8, Lecture on Monument Mountain, 7:00 p.m., Congregational Church, Main Street, Great Barrington. Historian Bernard Drew will lecture on history of Monument Mountain.

Monday, September 20, La Leche League, 10 a.m.–noon at Guthrie Center, Great Barrington. Free advice and support for breastfeeding. Information and directions, Maureen at 528-6619.

Tuesday, September 21, Free cholesterol and blood pressure clinic, 9–10:30 a.m. in basement of Town Offices, administered by Visiting Nurses Assoc.

Saturday, September 25

Square and contra dancing, 8:30–11:30 p.m. at the Sheffield Grange, Rt. 7, Sheffield, Mass. Music by Mountain Laurel, calling by Rich Futyma. All dances are taught, and beginners and children are welcome. Refreshments at intermission. Adults $5, children $2. Information 413-528-9385.

Benefit concert, 8:00 p.m., Sandisfield Arts Center, Rt. 57 and Hammertown Road, Sandisfield. Tritonis will perform to benefit the Bill Crofut Arts Fund for Children. Tickets $25. Information 413-258-4904.

Saturday, October 2, Annual Royal Hemlock Road Hike, 12:00–4:00 p.m. at The Bidwell House, Art School Road, Monterey. Enjoy fall foliage while hiking this 18th-century road. Bring your lunch and wear appropriate clothing for hiking. Hike takes about four hours. Admission: free. Information 413 528-6888.

The Observer

July 26—August 25

High temp. (8/1)	93°
Low temp. (8/10)	48°
Avg. high temp.	82°
Avg. low temp.	57°
Avg. temp.	69.5°
Total rainfall	1.87"
Water temp., L. Garfield (7/26)	80°

Precipitation occurred on 12 days.
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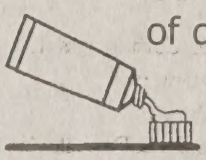

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